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SUBJECT: REPORTED DEFECTION OF SOVIET SCIENTIST

1. FINNISH PRESS HAS RUN BRIEF FRONT-PAGE STORIES REPORTING POSSIBLE DEFECTION OF SOVIET CHROMOSOME RESEARCHER ALEKSANDR Y. VARSHAVSKY TO WEST FOLLOWING HIS ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL CHROMOSOME RESEARCH CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI 28-31 AUGUST.
2. STORY FIRST APPEARED IN SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUVUDSTADSBLADET SEPT. 8, WHICH SAID VARSHAVSKY HAD POSSIBLY DEFECTED, SINCE HE DID NOT SHOW UP TO TAKE TRAIN ON WHICH OTHER SIX SOVIET DELEGATES RETURNED HOME. LEADING HELSINKI DAILY HELSINGIN SANOMAT SEPT. 9 REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES VARSHAVSKY HAD JUMPED TO THE WEST. IT ALSO SAID THAT GOF OFFICIALS HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE.

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